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Dear Frits and Ida:

I just wanted to rush this check to you. Evans sent us \$100, collected for the TV set, from which we deducted just the milk bill. As I recall, you wanted reimbursement just this way; if we can help you in any other fashion, please let us know.

I have hardly had time to think about anything so far, having had to make two trips already, to NY and to New Orleans just since your own departure. I'm sure you're in the same state. But life should become more placid now, and I will get to such matters as your ms., not to mention my own work, very soon. We are expecting Cavalli before very long, and that should be a busy time in the lab. Momentarily, I've been doing some experiments on the distribution of F in the exconjugant clone after  $F^+ \times F^-$  matings. In agreement with other indirect evidence, and contrary to other markers, the entire clone becomes  $F^+$ . This is more support for the idea that F is a plasmid.

We may have, later in the year, a Finnish post-doctoral fellow to work with Irwin and Bill and us, named Mäkelä. He may possibly do some more work on the hemagglutination effect, by some E. coli strains. This has been looked at before, e.g., by Kauffmann himself, but we need more information on the specificity of the reaction, its receptor, etc. along the lines of the effect of influenza virus. This is remotely related to some experiments I have in mind on the separation of genotypes of bacteria by chromatography.

Do let us hear from you often, and disregard that we may be sometimes poor correspondents.

With all best wishes,

P.S. I have here 3 reprints by Freundt on L and PPLO. Did you intend me to keep these, or should they be returned by the next mail?